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The Sigma National Enterprise pump factory in Lutín southwest of Olomouc (P50/N05), which has been given the managerial authority for Zavadka, lacks sufficient work orders for the Zavadka plant. For this reason both Kablo and Podbrezova have made application for the buildings. There also appears to be a shortage of workers at Zavadka.

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5. The plant is strategically located on the main road and consists of new, one-story buildings covering an area of 6,000 sq. meters. Its military importance will depend upon the type of production assigned to it.

6. Pilana National Enterprise Plant at Kremnica (049/C55):

A small plant was erected under the Two Year Plan by the Pilana woodworking machinery national enterprise of Bohemia. The factory, which covers about 4,000 sq. meters, was built on the hill near the railroad station in Kremnica. Pilana, however, has no suitable work for this plant, which will, therefore, be controlled by the Myjava machine works (P49/T26), as Myjava has no room for expansion.** The Kremnica plant will receive new machines for its Myjava tasks; it is not known what will become of the woodworking machines now in the building.

7. The Mint at Kremnica (049/C55):

This plant is directly under the Finance Ministry. It is an old and famous mint dating back 600 years. The manager is Ing. Horak, a skilled technician and a non-Communist. The plant, which is located in the center of the town, consists of ancient buildings, but a new two-story building covering about 8,000 sq. meters was also constructed under the Two Year Plan.

8. The equipment consists mostly of large coin presses which are limited by their construction to that type of work alone. The production of coin dies with special French machines is of a very high quality. Artists make the copy-patterns not only of plaster, but also of metal. The plant processes precious metal in its own mill, and also has a blast furnace for gold. In April 1949 there were 800 kg of gold in the plant's safe.
9. The mint has more work to do these days than it can manage because of the tremendous demand in the CSR for a multitude of various badges, such as Party badges, trade union badges, workers' decorations, festive badges, and an immense number of anniversary badges, all of which require new dies which must be made by the Kremnica mint.

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